Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"Is it not a fact that graduates who have been in the lower division for four or five years have been asked to do the same work as a raw graduate who has been appointed to the upper division directly?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I cannot answer these vague questions."

Promotion of non-graduate lower division clerks to upper division.

*682 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether non-graduate clerks of the lower division in the Departments of the Secretariat are promoted to the upper division;

(b) if so, how many have so far been promoted in each of the various departments; and

(c) what are the communities to which such candidates that have been so far promoted belong?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) If the hon. Member will specify a reasonable period, an attempt will be made to collect the information required.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"Sir, may I know whether any consideration of communal representation has been given to the promotions of clerks from the lower division to the upper division among the graduate clerks?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I must ask for notice of the question."

Appointment of Muslims in the Secretariat.

*683 Q.—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: With reference to the answer to question No. 446 (b), dated the 27th February 1931, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how many Muslims eligible for appointment to public service applied for employment in the different departments of the Secretariat in 1928, 1929 and 1930;

(b) how many of these have been appointed; and

(c) how many vacancies have been filled up in the Secretariat during these three years respectively?

A.—(a) The numbers cannot be given as no register of applications is maintained. Selection has been made hitherto as required from the Staff Selection Board list and will be made hereafter from that of the Madras Services Commission.

(b) & (c) The information is not readily available and cannot be collected without much labour.

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—"May I know whether the hon. Member will be pleased to consider the claims of the Lingayat graduates in the Madras Secretariat?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"We cannot take into consideration the claims of all subdivisions of communities."